Causes of the Industrial Revolution

Refer to your text book (pp. 253 to 257) and the internet <http://industrialrevolution.sea.ca/causes.html> for example)

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| Factor | How it lead to the industrial revolution in Great Britain |
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| Extensive natural resources | Water power and coal to fuel the new machines. Iron ore to construct machines, tools, and buildings. Rivers for inland transportation. Harbors from which its merchant ships set sail. |
| Economic Strength | An expanding economy to support industrialization. People were encouraged by the availability of bank loans to invest in new machinery and expand their operations. Growing overseas trade, economic prosperity , and a climate of progress contributed to the increased demand for goods. |
| Political stability | No struggles occurred on the British soil. Their military and political successes gave the British a positive attitude. Laws that protected business and helped expansion were passed. |
| Agricultural revolution | Farming was improved and as the food supplies increased and living conditions improved, England’s population grew. An increasing population demanded for more food and goods. As famers lost their land to large enclosed farms, many became factory workers. |
| Major inventions | They revolutionized industry. Inventions modernized the cotton industry. They boosted up the profits of merchants by speeding up process. Soon the inventions led to other industrial revolutions. |